

Shared Stories: Randy

Norwalk increases spending in revised two-year budget

Yolanda Reyna shares her moving encounter with someone less fortunate. Shared Stories is a weekly column featuring articles by participants in a writing class at the Norwalk Senior Center. Bonnie Mansell is the instructor for this free class offered through the Cerritos College Adult Education Program. Curated by Carol Kearns

By Yolanda “Yolie” Reyna

I normally don't approach homeless people. In fact, I've always told my children not to get close to them for fear they might harm them. But a couple of weeks ago, I met a homeless man.

I was on my way to the bank. As I was driving into the parking lot, I immediately noticed a man wandering and approaching people as they walked out of the bank.

I parked and got out of my car, and then made my transaction at the machine. Then I realized that the man was panhandling. I kept watching him while I walked back to my car. He didn't look like he was having any success.

He was neatly dressed and he walked with a slight hunch. One thing I did notice was that he did not approach me. So I got into my car and started to drive way.

Then I noticed that he was just about to cross in front of my car; I rolled my window down and said, “Excuse me, are you hungry?” He said, “I don't want to trouble you.”

I said, “It's no trouble.” He was a few feet away from my car. That's when I got a good look at him. He looked weary, his teeth were decayed, and he needed a shave.

I said to him, “Can I buy you something to eat?” He said, “Yes, if it's no trouble.”

“Not at all,” I said. I noticed a fast food place nearby and asked him to meet me there.

When I got out of my car, he was waiting for me. I asked his name and he told me, “Randy.” I told him my name was Yolanda.

When I suggested that we go inside, he said, “I can't go inside because the lady said I am not welcome anymore.” So I asked him what he would like, and he told me, “A cup of coffee and a taco.”

When I brought him the food, I asked him politely, “May I pray with you?”

He answered softly, “Yes, you may.” I prayed and handed him a few dollars so that he could buy something to eat later in the day. I did not want to pry into his business as to what his situation was.

As we were about to part our separate ways, I said, “Maybe I'll see you again. I usually stop here at the bank.” He said that would be nice. I wished him a good day and went on my way.

But while I was driving, I started to feel a strong compassion toward this man. I never expected to see him again, but as I drove my route up the street over the next few days, I kept thinking about him. I noticed when I drove, I'd look for him. I had made many stops at the bank and often thought about him. I actually felt like I was stalking him. I just could not get him out of my mind.

I couldn't help but think, that for someone who was always afraid of homeless people, here I was obsessed with this man! Once again I realized that I was probably never going to see him again.

So I left it alone, until one day when I was driving home, I spotted him. He was walking down the street! I was so surprised and excited. I wanted to flag him down with a honk or a yell. But that would have been crazy. I felt like an obsessed, crazy woman.

I thought, maybe he's hungry? I kept approaching red lights and was growing impatient as I was driving. I finally made my way down a street where I could meet up with him. I parked and grabbed a few dollars from my purse.

I walked up to the corner where he was headed. There I was, standing at the corner, waving to him! As he started to get closer, I yelled, “Randy?”

He looked at me and seemed puzzled. I said, “Do you remember me? I'm Yolanda; I met you a couple of weeks ago?”

See RANDY on Page 3

By Christian Brown
Staff Writer

NORWALK – Norwalk councilmembers revised the city's two-year budget on Tuesday, citing unexpected increases of revenue as well as new costs associated with a growing list of capitol projects and pricey service contracts.

Last June, the city council adopted a \$219 million spending plan extending from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017.

Anticipating Norwalk's General Fund revenue would experience 2% growth year to year, officials set aside \$774,000 to replace aging city equipment and \$802,500 for capitol projects, such as redesigning the senior center parking lot, improving ADA accessibility at City Hall, installing a security system at City Hall; replacing storm drains; improving park lighting; and upgrading city parking lots with slurry seal.

During a special meeting of the city council on Tuesday afternoon, Norwalk's finance director Jana Stuard presented updated figures that show revenue increasing faster than initially projected.

For the 2015-16 fiscal year, revenue was up 1.5%, adding an extra

\$529,000 to city coffers. Next fiscal year, Stuard expects the percentage to jump to 2.27%, or an additional \$983,970.

The spike in money is mostly linked to the city's Utility User Tax, state grants, sales taxes, code enforcement revenues, and a record issuance of building permits.

However, city expenditures are also slated to rise as more capitol projects and investments receive funding. In the 2015-16 fiscal year operating budget, spending increased by \$500,500, in addition to \$217,205 that was allocated for capitol projects.

For fiscal year 2016-17, the proposed appropriations will increase by \$2,679,817, which covers the expense of new city jobs and salary increases, a 3% increase for Norwalk's contract with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and updated agreements for tree-trimming service and solid waste consulting.

At the end of this month, the city's remaining General Fund surplus will total \$12,468,854. While Stuard expects city revenues over the next fiscal year to reach \$44,422,120, expenditures will total \$48,223,507.

By June 2017, the General Fund surplus is projected to decline to \$9.4 million.

LA County Sheriff's arrest drivers at DUI checkpoint



NORWALK -- Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Norwalk Station conducted a DUI/Driver License checkpoint on June 17 on westbound Alondra Boulevard, east of Studebaker Road. The checkpoint occurred between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and midnight.

Checkpoints are placed in locations that have the greatest opportunity for achieving drunk and drugged driving deterrence and provide the greatest safety for officers and the public.

DUI/Driver License checkpoints have been shown to lower DUI deaths and injuries. A major component of these checkpoints are the deterrent effects it has on those who might drive drunk or drugged impaired, bringing about awareness, and encouraging everyone to use sober designated drivers.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), checkpoints have provided the most effective documented results of any of the DUI enforcement strategies, while also yielding considerable cost savings of \$6 for every \$1 spent. Ninety Percent of California drivers approve of checkpoints.

Downey City Council candidate Blanca Pacheco kicks off campaign

By Alex Dominguez
Contributer

DOWNEY – Many of Downey's political figures, business owners, and notable residents gathered Wednesday evening as city council candidate Blanca Pacheco held her campaign kickoff fundraiser.

Pacheco is running for the District 1 seat currently held by councilmember Luis Marquez, who will term out of office later this year after serving for eight years.

The event was held at a Downey residence. Food was catered by Starfish Sushi and Joseph's Bar and Grill.

In attendance in support of Pacheco were many elected officials, including DUSD Board Member Martha Sodemani, Lynwood councilmember Maria Santillan-Beas, and Judge James Horan of the Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Also in attendance was Mayor Alex Saab and Mayor Pro Tem Fernando Vasquez. Both addressed the crowd.

“We're here tonight because we, as councilmembers of the city of Downey, we have a responsibility to make sure that those who are going to continue after us and are going to be sitting up there share the same, most important quality we feel is necessary for an elected official, and that is a person of ethics,” said Saab.



“... [Blanca Pacheco] carries that with her day in and day out.”

“In this day and age when you see politics to be so polarizing at the national level, Blanca has this ability to bring people together,” said Vasquez.

“...She has the ability to put aside our individual views and be able to find some common ground, and that's something I know Alex and I have worked on that, to instill in our city council...to put the differences aside because you're putting your city first.”

Pacheco also spoke, emphasizing how her unique point of view would

benefit the city.

“As a resident, and as a business owner, I have pride in our city,” said Pacheco.

“...I want to give our residents here in Downey a voice. Through me, they will have a voice. They will have a unique perspective; me as a female, as a business owner, and also as a longtime resident and a community leader. It's because of all these elements that I believe that I can be the next councilwoman and I can make Downey great...”

Candidates can officially submit their nomination forms next month, and the election will be held Nov. 8.

Norwalk hosts Relay for Life this Saturday

NORWALK – Cancer survivors, caregivers, volunteers and residents will unite for the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Norwalk, taking place this Saturday, June 25 on the Cerritos College utility field.

Relay for Life is a national fundraiser in which participants walk around a track for 24 hours. Dollars raised will help the American Cancer Society, which funds cancer research and provides services to people with cancer.

The Relay begins at 9 a.m. with an opening ceremony and celebratory cancer survivors lap. A luminaria ceremony will take place at 9 p.m., where candles are lit in honor and memory of locals who have battled cancer.

In May 1985, Dr. Gordy Klatt walked and ran for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, Washington, ultimately raising \$27,000 to help the American Cancer Society fight the nation's biggest health concern cancer. Since those first steps, the Relay For Life movement has grown into a worldwide phenomenon, raising nearly \$5 billion to fight cancer.

So far nearly 28 teams and 340 participants have raised \$47,500 via fundraisers. The top teams include City Slickers, Team Johnston, and Life Savers who have raised \$16,100, \$6,450, and \$5,400 respectively.

Those interested in participating can contact event lead Jennifer Perez at 562-818-2192.

Weekend at a Glance

Friday 85°

Saturday 89°

Sunday 89°

THINGS TO DO



Open House

Saturday - Casa de Parley Johnson, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The historic home located at Florence and Rives avenues opens for public tours.



OC Pride Festival

Saturday - Downtown Santa Ana, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Live bands, parade, line dancing, indoor and outdoor stages, vendors, and more. \$10



Star Wars

Saturday - Huntington State Beach, 5 p.m.

Watch “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” right on the sand. \$15



Harry Potter Night

Saturday - The Last Bookstore (downtown L.A.), 7:30 p.m.

Costume contests, live performances, butterbeer, giveaways, and drinks (21-plus).



Photography in the Park

Sunday - Griffith Park Merry Go Round, 12 p.m.

Photographers (amateur and pro), character actors and makeup artists invited to a free, giant photo shoot.



Chinatown Design Night

Saturday - Chung King Road, 5-10 p.m. Explore presentations by LA designers.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK

@MusicbyBrown: @RepRoybalAllard recalls the loss of @DowneyPolice officer Ricky Galvez in on-going protest for the House to vote on gun reform.

@latimes: L.A. County parks need funding. But so does the fight to end homelessness

Follow us!
@DowneyPatriot

RANDY: Learning to see everyone as human

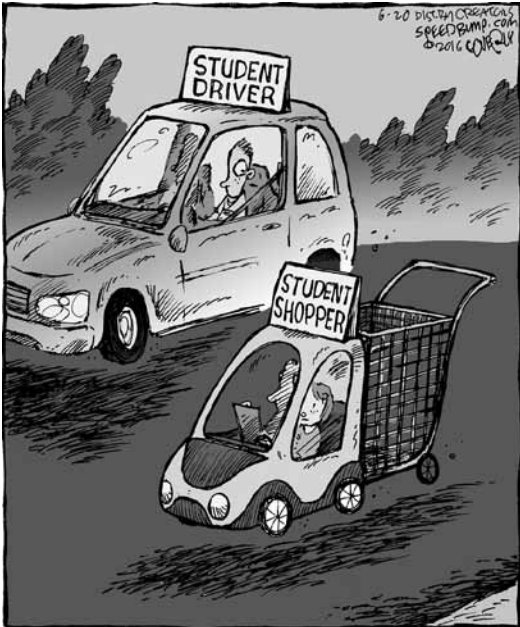
Advertise Your Business

**Call MaryAnn
or Michael
(562) 868-3022**

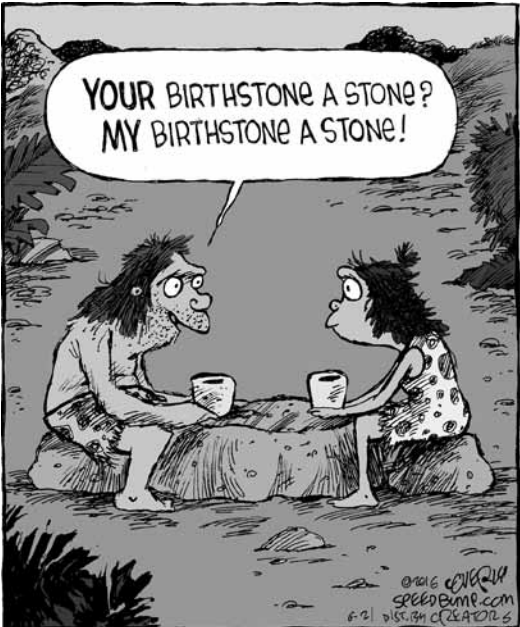
***Having a Yard Sale?
Looking for Renters?
Call our Classifieds Department
(562) 904-3668***



SPEED BUMP



DAVE COVERLY



On This Day...

June 24, 1896: Booker T. Washington became the first African American to receive an honorary MA degree from Howard University.

1964: The Federal Trade Commission announced that starting in 1965, cigarette manufactures would be required to include warnings on their packaging about the harmful effects of smoking.

2010: Apple released the iPhone 4.

Birthdays: Actress Mindy Kaling (37), R&B singer Solange Knowles (30), Soccer player Lionel Messi (29), Guitarist Jeff Beck (72) and LA Clippers player JJ Redick (32).

To Advertise in
The Norwalk Patriot
Please Call
Dorothy Michael
• • • • •
MaryAnn Sourial
(562) 868-3022

Send us your Letters to the Editor, Press Releases, photos, meeting and club schedules!

Address:
12040 Foster Road
Norwalk, CA 90650

Email:
news@thedowneypatriot.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
9:00 a.m. - Relay for Life - Cerritos College

TUESDAY, JUNE 28
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Art class for teens - Norwalk Library

•

MONDAYS
1st, 6:00 p.m. - Public Safety meetings - Council Chambers

TUESDAYS
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Farmers Market - Excelsior High School
1st & 3rd 6:00 p.m. - Toastmasters Meetings - Registrar Recorder/County Clerks Office
2nd & 4th, - Toastmasters Meetings - Norwalk Library
1st & 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - City Council - Council Chambers
3rd, 5:45 p.m. - Housing Authority - Council Chambers

WEDNESDAYS
10:30 a.m. - Woman's Club - Masonic Lodge
12:00 p.m. - Rotary - Doubletree Hotel
1st, 12:30 p.m. - Soroptimist International - Soroptimist Village
1st & 3rd, 7:00 p.m. - Lions Club - Bruce's Restaurant
2nd & 4th, 1:30 p.m. - Alondra Senior Citizens - Social Services Center
2nd & 4th, 7:30 p.m. - Planning Commission - Council Chambers
4th, 11:30 a.m. - Coordinating Council - Arts & Sports Complex

THURSDAYS
1:00 p.m. - Adult color club "Color Us Happy" - Norwalk Library
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts Troop 924 - Norwalk United Methodist Church
2nd, 7:30 p.m. - Golden Trowel -Norwalk Masonic Lodge
3rd, 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Post No. 359 - 11986 Front St.

SATURDAYS
2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast - First Christian Church of Norwalk

Have an event you want listed? E-mail news@thedowneypatriot.com

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Edited by Stanley Newman (www.StanXwords.com)
TWO-GUY GUYS: Informal and not
by Fred Piscop

- ACROSS**
- 1 Film about Dr. King's march
 - 6 Ticket remnant
 - 10 County lockups
 - 15 Feline foot
 - 18 Zagreb native
 - 19 Pig's proverbial place
 - 20 Loosen, in a way
 - 21 Fast-food beverage
 - 22 "Hit the Road Jack" singer
 - 24 First *Tonight Show* host
 - 26 Basic cable channel
 - 27 Mideast airline
 - 28 Hawaiian souvenir
 - 30 Coffee paper-cup surrounder
 - 31 Capital of Northern Ireland
 - 33 *La Bohème* heroine
 - 34 Hair slickener
 - 35 Conquistador's quest
 - 36 Donut-shaped
 - 37 Goethe's soul-seller
 - 38 In-group jargon
 - 41 Former *Daily Show* host
 - 43 Veep airer
 - 46 Sax player's buy
 - 47 "By all means!"
 - 48 Have a tab
 - 49 Pigtail, e.g.
 - 51 Tonic partner
 - 52 Star of *The Martian*
 - 56 Slow tempo
 - 57 Keatsian work
 - 58 Extremely urgent
 - 59 Abbr. after a list
 - 60 Fore-and-aft sail
 - 62 Jane Fonda's first Oscar film
 - 64 Dundee residents
 - 65 Bow ties or elbows
 - 66 Commander-in-chief, so to speak
 - 68 Superfood salad ingredient
 - 69 Skirt opening
 - 70 Bat wood
 - 73 Andrew Wyeth subject
 - 74 "Piano Man" singer
 - 76 Brazilian hot spot
 - 77 Bruin fan, briefly
 - 78 "... *Wiedersehen!*"
 - 79 Brewpub servings
 - 80 Not filleted
 - 81 Wild blue yonder
 - 82 Three-time Daytona 500 winner
 - 86 Line dance
 - 87 Snowman accessory
 - 89 First sign of spring
 - 90 Chaotic scene
 - 91 Pennsylvania's Mountains
 - 93 Dallas hoopsters, for short
 - 94 Tout at a track
 - 98 Dan Quayle successor
 - 99 Hurricane of 2011
 - 101 River of Florence
 - 102 Boxing legend
 - 103 Bernie Sanders' portrayer on *SNL*
 - 105 Jamie Lee's dad
 - 108 Lender's claim
 - 109 Rolex rival
 - 110 Wraps up
 - 111 Ones at hand
 - 112 QB's gains
 - 113 Emerson piece
 - 114 Chill out
 - 115 More miffed
- DOWN**
- 1 Clean very well
 - 2 Rub clean
 - 3 True-blue
 - 4 Brit's rainwear
 - 5 Deep down
 - 6 Diner of rhyme
 - 7 Booth payment
 - 8 Luau instrument
 - 9 Rouses to action
 - 10 Attorney General's department
 - 11 Opening stake
 - 12 Agenda line
 - 13 Ullmann or Tyler
 - 14 Escorts to the door
 - 15 Guided, as a raft
 - 16 Tylenol alternative
 - 17 Taper off
 - 21 Golf-shoe gripper
 - 23 To boot
 - 25 Charitable gift
 - 29 Don't mention
 - 32 Interstate sign
 - 33 Claude the painter
 - 34 Whittle away
 - 36 Austrian dessert
 - 37 The young Bambi
 - 38 2012 Affleck thriller
 - 39 Actress Tara
 - 40 *Singin' in the Rain* star
 - 41 City opposite El Paso
 - 42 Angora and alpaca
 - 43 Braves great
 - 44 Angler's hope
 - 45 Redolence
 - 47 Strike down
 - 49 Great time
 - 50 Office expense
 - 53 Model plane add-on
 - 54 Lagoon locale
 - 55 Pirate's pal
 - 58 Boxer Roberto
 - 60 Ill temper
 - 61 Water holders
 - 63 Tour org.
 - 64 *Old Man and the Sea* boat
 - 66 Accordingly
 - 67 Mild oath
 - 69 Single-person shows
 - 71 Perform on
 - 72 Georgetown athlete
 - 74 Put a shine on
 - 75 Green gems
 - 78 Prefix for dynamic
 - 80 Expresses displeasure
 - 82 Anonymous Ms.
 - 83 27/16, for
 - 84 Algerian port
 - 85 Girder worker
 - 86 Poor excuses
 - 87 Cold-shoulder
 - 88 New Jersey senator
 - 90 New pennies, mostly
 - 91 Lumberjack shirt pattern
 - 92 Fairy tale villains
 - 94 Rendezvous
 - 95 Darth ___ (Mr. Potato Head product)
 - 96 Name on a bagatelle
 - 97 Choir's platform
 - 98 Person on your side
 - 99 Currier's partner
 - 100 Capital between Vilnius and Tallinn
 - 101 Added stipulations
 - 104 Morning hrs.
 - 106 Word on pennies
 - 107 Frat letter

Reach Stan Newman at P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762, or at www.StanXwords.com

ADVERTISING POLICY

The Norwalk Patriot reserves the right to censor, reclassify, revise or reject any ad. The Norwalk Patriot is not responsible for incorrect ads beyond the first business day of an ad scheduled. Please check your ad on the first day of publication and report any errors we have made to the Classified Department at 562-904-3668 at the beginning of the next business day to have it publish correctly for the remainder of the schedule.

You can contact puzzle editor Stanley Newman at his e-mail address: StanXwords@aol.com. Or write him at P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762, Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you'd like a reply.



Boeing chooses PIH, MemorialCare for employee health plan

WHITTIER – The Boeing Company selected MemorialCare Health System for a first-of-its-kind customized health plan option in California for almost all of Boeing’s employees and their dependents in the Long Beach, South Bay and Orange County communities.

Boeing has about 15,000 employees and 22,000 dependents in California, most of those in the Southern California region.

The Preferred Partnership is designed to improve health, enhance the patient experience and make health care more affordable for Boeing and those employees who choose it, officials announced.

This arrangement will add the health system’s MemorialCare Health Alliance ACO (Accountable Care Organization) health plan option to Boeing’s open enrollment this fall, with services beginning Jan. 1, 2017.

In addition to MemorialCare Health System, PIH Health, PIH Health Hospitals in Downey and Whittier and PIH Physicians medical group are part of the partnership. Other partners include UC Irvine Health and Torrance Memorial Health System for a total of 9 hospitals and thousands of physicians, outpatient and community health care offerings.

Boeing employees choosing MemorialCare Health Alliance will be offered enhanced health benefits and incentives at lower costs. These include decreased paycheck deductions for health care coverage, no office-visit copayments for network primary care physician visits, 100 percent coverage for generic-drug prescriptions (for high-deductible plans, benefits apply when the deductible is met) and freedom to choose specialists within the network without a primary care physician referral.

Other features are increased company contributions to a

health savings account for eligible participants, quicker access to network primary care providers and specialists, additional after-hours care, more personalized and coordinated care, greater use of electronic messaging with providers and access to medical records.

Officials with Boeing said they selected MemorialCare as its exclusive Preferred Partnership provider in the Southern California region after a “rigorous competitive process.”

The selection was based in part on MemorialCare’s reputation for their high quality of care, broad geographic reach and the depth of their extensive physician, hospital and community outpatient center network, officials said.

“MemorialCare and its partners have a long track record of health care leadership and innovation in Southern California, as well as a strong market presence,” said Jeff White, Boeing’s Director of Health Care Strategy.

“MemorialCare Health Alliance is another great opportunity for PIH Health to expand its reach of services to those in the community,” said PIH Health President and CEO James R. West. “This partnership will introduce many new Boeing employees, and their families to the high quality care and Patients First vision that PIH Health offers.” PIH Health is recognized as one of the nation’s top hospital systems for best practices and cutting-edge advancements in both quality and health care technology.

“Because the majority of Boeing employees live throughout the greater Long Beach, South Bay and Orange County communities well served by MemorialCare and its partners, many are accustomed to and comfortable with the network’s primary care and specialty physicians, hospitals, outpatient and community outreach programs,” added Boeing’s Jeff White.



The Downey AYSO BU16 Travel Team played in the annual Cypress Soccer Tournament over Memorial Day weekend.

The team contemplated not participating in the tournament after losing teammate Jesus David Santos to cancer the previous week. However, the team decided to play in honor of their friend. The first game was scheduled at the same time as David’s funeral, so the team forfeited that game in order to attend the services at St. Pius Church in Santa Fe Springs. They then drove to Rose Hills for the burial.

The team played the remainder of the tournament and won four games in a row to reach the championship game. The Downey team came up short in the championship game but their effort was inspiring. David’s family was in attendance for the championship game.

Top row, from left: Fernando, Alan, Coach Chris, Josh, Zack, Austin, Mark Lujan, Mark Galvan, Alex, Coach Jorge and Danny Ramirez.

Bottom row: Daniel Appel, Sergio, Raul, Dil, Cesar, Jaime, Juan and Andres.

Missing but not forgotten: Jesus David Santos.

Downey Golf Club to host junior golf championships

DOWNEY – Downey’s Rio Hondo Golf Club will host the 2016 U.S. Kids State Open Junior Golf Championship next week, June 27-28.

The California State Open will consist of 210 of the best junior players in the Western United States, as well as some top international players.

Golfers will range from ages 5-14. Rio Hondo Golf Club was chosen to host the tournament “due [to] its excellent course condition and its continued support of junior golf,” officials said.

Spectators are welcomed at the event. For tournament times and more information, call the golf course at (562) 927-2329.

Cerritos votes to allow synthetic grass on residential front lawns

CERRITOS – In response to a new State of California law, the Cerritos City Council recently amended an ordinance to allow for the use and installation of synthetic grass and artificial turf material in residential front-yard landscaping. The change took effect May 14, 2016.

Landscaping includes organic plant material, non-organic plant materials and ornamental horticultural features. Design accessories such as decorative bark, volcanic rock and pea gravel may be used to accentuate the organic plant materials, but not as dominant landscape features. Silk plants and plastic trees and shrubs are prohibited.

Residents must obtain approval from the Community Development Department before installing synthetic turf. A manual outlining the guidelines and restrictions for synthetic turf installation is available at the Community Development desk in City Hall.

■ The Cerritos City Council has approved improvements for 41 bus stops throughout the City.

ND Construction Company, Inc. of Anaheim was awarded \$454,046 for the project, which includes the installation of new transit shelters, trash receptacles, bus benches and

concrete pads at various Cerritos on Wheels bus stops.

Shelters with solar-powered lighting will be erected at three existing bus stops along 183rd Street between the Los Cerritos Center and Plaza 183.

Funding for the bus stop improvements will come from a Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority grant, restricted Air Quality Management District (AQMD) funds and Proposition A and C monies. The work is expected to be completed by the end of June.

■ The Cerritos City Council recently approved a proposal by Browning Investments to remodel the Cerritos Acura dealership.

The proposal calls for a major interior and exterior overhaul, including expansion of the existing showroom and service canopy area. Changes in the parking area, which will meet Americans With Disabilities Act requirements, include a new accessible path of travel from Studebaker Road to the main dealership building. Landscaping will be upgraded throughout, with palm trees, shrubs and ground cover being added.

The remodel will adopt a more contemporary architectural design,

Downey swelters as power goes out during heat wave

DOWNEY – An estimated 16,000 Downey homes and businesses lost power Monday when temperatures here soared to 106 degrees.

Reports of blackouts and power surges began shortly before noon when an electrical fire was reported near Firestone Boulevard and the 605 Freeway.

Power outages disabled intersections and forced several businesses to close early, including the new Walmart.

Power was mostly restored by 9 p.m., although some residents were without electricity until 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The city opened two cooling centers for residents: the Barbara J. Riley Center and the Downey City Library.

Norwalk Library hosts art class for teens

NORWALK – To kick off its summer reading program, the Norwalk Library is hosting teens for art classes where teens can create designs of popular video game characters and sports symbols from fuse beads and make them into magnets or keychains.

Teens in grades 6 - 12 are invited to participate on Tuesday, June 28 from 3-4:30 p.m.

All materials will be provided and summer reading program bookmarks can also be turned in all summer for prizes and weekly drawing entries.

The library is located at 12350 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650.

Registration opens for senior trip to Laughlin

NORWALK – Seniors are invited to join the annual Laughlin Summer Luau at the Riverside Casino and Resort on Aug. 29-31.

Spend three days and two nights enjoying a variety of restaurants, live entertainment, and a full-action casino in Laughlin, Nevada along the Colorado River.

The cost is \$117 per person for double occupancy and \$142 per person for single occupancy, including transportation to and from Laughlin, hotel lodging, and admission to the luau party in the Starview Room.

Buses will depart from Norwalk City Hall on Monday, Aug. 29 at 8 a.m. and will return on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 6 p.m.

Registration for Norwalk residents begins Wednesday, June 29 at 9 a.m. and open registration starts Wednesday, July 6. Space is limited.

For more information or to register, call (562) 929-5580.



ROSE HILLS
Memorial Park & Mortuary

Now Hiring
SALES PROFESSIONALS

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
paid training

SET YOUR OWN SCHEDULE
medical, dental & vision benefits

MAKE BIG MONEY
offices in Alhambra, Cerritos, City of Industry & Whittier

Please send your resume to jaciel.camacho@rosehills.com
Immediate interviews will be arranged
(562) 463-4566 • www.rosehillscareers.com

ATTORNEY • ABOGADA

Eva Juárez -Attorney

Malhotra & Malhotra

- **Wills, Trusts, Probates**
(Testamentos, Fideicomisos, Demandas Sucesorias)
- **Divorce, Custody, Support**
(Divorcios, Convivencia, Pensión alimenticia)

Call for a **FREE** Consultation!

Your problems have solutions.
(Todos sus problemas tienen solución)

Hablo Español

(562) 806-9400 (800) 811-8881
7847 E Florence Ave. Suite 111, Downey, CA 90240

Dining Out



Grill & Cantina
Authentic Fresh Made Mexican Food

HAPPY HOUR
Mon. - Fri. 3 PM-8 PM
Sat. & Sun. 3 PM-8 PM
(Bar Only)

NORWALK PATRIOT SPECIAL

Breakfast & Lunch Buffet
Now Available!

Monday - Thursday
Buy One Entree, Get the Second of Equal or Lesser Price for **\$3.99**
Expires 7-24-16
(Not valid with any other offer.)

MARIACHI
Friday & Saturday
7:30 PM - 12 PM
Sunday 4 PM - 9 PM

Tel. 562.622.9100
11010 Paramount Blvd.
Downey, CA 90241

30-mile ride; and \$75 for the 50-mile ride. Only walk-in registrations will be accepted on Friday, September 30 and on the day of the event.

Start time for the 50-mile ride is 7 a.m. The 30-mile ride begins at 8 a.m., and the 15-mile ride commences at 9:30 a.m. The family ride kicks off at 11 a.m.

For more information, contact the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

■ The Cerritos City Council awarded WCCR Construction of Ontario \$170,800 to perform improvements at Jacob Park.

Community Development Block Grant funds helped pay for the project, which consists of surfacing the playgrounds on the east and west sides of Jacob Park. The upgrades comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act requirements.

The work is expected to be completed by the end of June.

■ The City of Cerritos was recently honored with the 2015 Congressional Award of Excellence for making city parks more accessible to people with disabilities.

With the use of Community Development Block Grant funds, the City removed physical barriers (such as sand or wood chip materials) and replaced them with rubberized surface materials at playgrounds throughout Cerritos to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

■ Bookworms can use the free OverDrive e-book service to borrow from the Cerritos Library’s digital collection – anytime, anywhere. All that’s needed is a Cerritos Library card, Internet service and e-reader.

Browse the Cerritos Library’s digital collection at cerritoslibrary.overdrive.com. Users will be prompted to sign up for the OverDrive option when checking out library materials.

■ Cerritos’ City Wide Pride program (CWP), which has recognized home owners since 1990 for maintaining visually appealing properties, has been updated.

Under the new guidelines, the nomination process will be open to the public and ongoing year-round. Judging areas have been eliminated. Recognition is limited to once a calendar year for each residence.